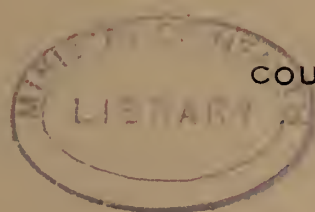


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DAWLISH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT - 1950.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1950.  
I was not appointed as Medical Officer for your area until  
the 1st. June, 1951 and my report will, therefore, be  
largely confined to the Vital Statistics.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres) .....	6,091.
Population - 1931 Census .....	5,425.
Population - Mid 1950 .....	7,047.
Rateable Value as at 1st. January, 1950 .....	£ 50,287.
Rateable Value as at 31st. December, 1950 ...	£ 51,019.
Product of 1d. rate (as at 1st. April, 1950). £	207.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS.

The following table shows that the Birth rate for the  
District is still below that for England and Wales as a  
whole. It shows a slight decrease on that of the previous  
year, the figures being 13.2 per thousand total population  
for 1950 as against 13.6 per thousand for 1949.

LIVE BIRTHS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	55	33	88
Illegitimate	2	3	5
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	57	36	93.
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Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	-	13.2.
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	-	15.8.

### STILL BIRTHS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Still Birth rate per 1000 total population			- 0.29
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births			- 21.05.
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births (England and Wales)			- 22.7.

### DEATHS.

The death rate for the district continues to be higher than the average for England and Wales but is below that for 1949, the figures being 12.2 per thousand total population for 1950, as against 15.3 per thousand for 1949. During the year the average age at death from all causes was found to be 72.76 years.

Death <b>Rate</b> per 1000 total population	-	12.2
Death Rate per 1000 total population (England and Wales)	-	11.6.

### INFANT MORTALITY.

(Deaths of Infants under One year of age).

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	1	1
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	2	1	3.
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The Infant Mortality Rate (Deaths of Infants under one year per 1000 live births)	-	32.2
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	-	29.8.

It will be seen that the Infant Mortality Rate for this District is higher than that for the whole country.



AGE AT DEATH.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Infants under one year	2	1
1 - 5	-	-
5 - 15	-	-
15 - 25	2	-
25 - 35	-	-
35 - 45	-	1
45 - 55	5	1
55 - 65	6	3
65 - 75	9	11
75 and over	13	32
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	37	49
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Total = 86.

The chief causes of death were:-

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
<u>Infectious Cases:-</u>		
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	1	-
Pneumonia	1	2
Other infective and parasitic diseases.	1	-
<u>General Causes:-</u>		
Heart and Blood Vessels	13	26
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1	7
Bronchitis	3	-
Other Resp. Diseases	5	-
Cancer	5	6
Diabetes	-	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Congenital Malformation	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	4
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	-	1
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	37	49
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## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Scarlet Fever	1	-	1
Whooping Cough	1	1	2
Poliomyelitis	1	1	2
Erysipelas	1	-	1
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	4	2	6.
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## TUBERCULOSIS.

Twelve cases were notified during the year, eight male and four female, of which, eleven were Pulmonary cases and one non-Pulmonary. Details are set out in the following table:-

<u>AGE PERIODS:</u>			<u>CASES:</u>			
			<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
			<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Infants under one year			1	-	-	-
1	-	5	-	-	1	-
5	-	15	1	-	-	-
15	-	25	-	2	-	-
25	-	35	-	1	-	-
35	-	45	2	1	-	-
45	-	55	3	-	-	-
55	-	65	-	-	-	-
65	-	75	-	-	-	-
75	-	and over	-	-	-	-
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			7	4	1	-
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Total = 12.

## POLIOMYELITIS.

Two cases of Acute Poliomyelitis occurred during 1950 one in October and one in November. A large number of cases occurred in surrounding areas during the late summer and autumn of this year and the incidence at Dawlish was much below that of the neighbouring areas.



### POLIOMYELITIS. (contd.)

The source of infection was not determined in either case. There was no connection between the two cases.

### FOOD POISONING.

No cases were notified during the year. This is very satisfactory considering the large number of visitors who take meals at Hotels and Restaurants during the summer season.

### HOUSING.

The Council's Housing Programme continues to expand following its long-term policy to provide substantial houses of the traditional type suitable to the amenities of the locality.

Although progress in 1950 was not maintained at the desired rate owing to difficulties outside the Council's control, it is anticipated that the leeway will be recovered in 1951 especially having regard to the anticipated acquisition of a site to provide living accommodation for at least 76 families.

### WATER SUPPLY.

Laboratory reports on the quality of the water have all shown a high degree of purity.

No shortage of water was experienced during the year, but it must be remembered that the rainfall in the summer of 1950 was above average and that there were no long periods of drought.

### SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

General maintenance work on the sewers was carried out. Complaints regarding the fouling of the beaches continue to be received. Preliminary steps regarding the Major Scheme have been taken, and it is hoped that the commencement of work will not be long delayed.



CAMPING SITES.

The two new camping sites at Dawlish Warren have been opened during the year.

Sanitary facilities were provided as recommended by my predecessor and the camping grounds have proved satisfactory in every way.

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*H. Davis.*

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Medical Officer of Health.

15th. October, 1951.

